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SUBJ: ICAO - COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 19 (C-OB/84/9)

1. REGARDING CWP/6134 (AMENDMENT OF RULE 54, ASSEMBLY RULES PROCEDURE.) FRANCE BEGAN DISCUSSION WITH STRONG PRESENTATION FOR SUB PARA (C) ALTHOUGH LATER IN DISCUSSION EXPRESSED MIXED EMOTIONS PERSONALLY BECAUSE HE WAS SURE THAT IF (C) WERE ADOPTED, THE FIRST TIME A PRESIDING OFFICER DECIDED ON A SIMPLE MAJORITY FRANCE WOULD CHALLENGE.

2. BRAZIL SPOKE FOR STATUS QUO. ITALY PREFERRED STATUS QUO WITH (C) AS ALTERNATIVE. US MADE STATEMENT OF PREFERENCE FOR (B) INDICATING OBVIOUS REASONS WHICH APPARENTLY IS US POSITION BASED ON DILLON/HOYT TELCON. AUSTRALIA WOULD "GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY". NIGERIA PREFERRED (B) AMONG ALTERNATIVES BUT SUGGESTED COMING BACK TO THIS MATTER IN FUTURE. CANADA FOUND (B) "TOO HEAVY" BECAUSE "WOULD HOLD BACK ASSEMBLY" -- FOUND (C) "ALSO HEAVY" -- FOUND (A) "POSSIBLE" BUT ASKED IF WE COULD RETURN TO WHAT COUNCIL ORIGINALLY SENT TO ASSEMBLY (WHICH ASSEMBLY DID NOT ACCEPT) AND RETURN TO CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT AT A LATER DATE. THIS
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THREW THE ALREADY FLOUNDERING DISCUSSION INTO TOTAL DISORGANI-

ZATION.

3. BRAZIL, IN ORDER TO COVER ANY AND ALL POSSIBILITIES REQUESTED STATUTORY MAJORITY (ALTHOUGH IT WAS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT NO ONE WAS PREPARED TO PROPOSE ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING.)

4. IN EXASPERATION PRES/COUNCIL SUGGESTED INFORMAL SHOW OF HANDS ON SIMPLE QUESTION OF HOW MANY PREFERRED STATUS QUO AND HOW MANY PREFERRED SOME KIND OF CHANGE. FRANCE AND NIGERIA TOOK EXCEPTION BECAUSE WHILE THEY FAVORED CHANGE THEY FELT MEMBERS HAD TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF CHANGE BEFORE VOTING AGAINST STATUS QUO. ITALY, IN SECOND INTERVENTION, EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THERE ARE "16 OR 17" FOR ONE SIDE OR OTHER AND WAS CONGRATULATED BY PRES FOR HAVING ASCERTAINED THAT MANY POSITIONS. THE INTERVENTION SERVED TO "SCARE OFF BOTH SIDES" AND THE DISCUSSION WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE.

5. USREP MADE PRIVILEGE MOTION TO DEFER FURTHER DISCUSSION UNTIL THE 86TH SESSION OF COUNCIL, FALL OF '75, TO ALLOW TIME FOR REVIEW AND REFLECTION AND STILL PROVIDE AMPLE LEAD TIME FOR PREPARATION FOR NEXT ASSEMBLY. MOTION WAS ABLY SUPPORTED BY UKREP AND WAS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS.

6. ARGENTINA ASKED IF THIS DECISION MEANT THAT NOTHING WOULD BE DONE BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT MEETING AND CHAIR REPLIED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD DO NOTHING FURTHER BUT ANY STATE COULD BRING ANY INFORMATION OR PROPOSAL MEANTIME. ARGENTINA INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A STATE LETTER ASKING FOR COMMENTS OR ALTERNATIVES. US MOTION PRECLUDED THIS.

7. WHEN CONSIDERATION THIS ITEM WAS CONCLUDED FRANCE ASKED TO PUT A STATEMENT IN RECORD TO THE EFFECT THAT: (A) IF NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED, THIS MEETING THAT ARTICLE 94(A) OF THE CONVENTION STANDS AND (B) THAT ANY AMENDMENT OR SUB-AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION IS SUBJECT TO 2/3 MAJORITY. THE TEXT WILL APPEAR VERBATIM IN COUNCIL MINUTES. USREP SUSPECTS THAT THIS WAS STATEMENT TO BE READ IN CASE ALTERNATIVE (A) RETAINING STATUS QUO HAD BEEN VOTED.
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